



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## Public Library

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### **Comedy and Stage Show to Celebrate Juneteenth at Library's Performance Annex**

*Event is Part of the Library's Continuing "Entre Nous Showcase"*

SAN DIEGO – As part of the San Diego Public Library's "Entre Nous Showcase," Jimmy Lovett and Company will perform a comedy and stage show in celebration of Juneteenth. The event will be held Friday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the Performance Annex of the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library, located at 3795 Fairmount Ave.

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. The holiday originated in Texas, but its observance has spread across the nation. Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day Union General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to take possession of the state and enforce slaves' new freedoms under the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Entre Nous Showcase is a variety series that spotlights the hidden artistic talents of staff members of the San Diego Public Library each month through July 2006. Donations are accepted and will go toward youth programs at libraries.

For more information, contact the Library's Performance Annex at 619-641-6103.

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